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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: LECTURERS

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1. MHE POUCHED SOVIET UNIVERSITY LECTURERS OPENINGS LIST TO SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. ARRIVAL EXPECTED BY END OF WEEK; DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTACT SAKOVICH TO INSURE QUICK TURNOVER. SOVIETS PREFER THIS METHOD OF PRESENTING LIST, SIMILAR TO US PROCEDURE.
2. LIST CONTAINS TWENTY OPENINGS; SOVIETS EXPECT US WILL CHOOSE AMONG THESE AND NOMINATE EIGHT TO TEN LECTURERS.
3. LIST IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY WHICH MISUNDERSTOOD INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTRY AND SUBMITTED WRONG LIST. THEREFORE A FEW ADDITIONAL OPENINGS WILL FOLLOW.
4. EMBASSY BELIEVED THAT BAZHANOV AND STAFF WERE MAKING SINCERE EFFORT AND THAT MAIN DELAY WAS COMING FROM UNIVERSITIES. WE FELT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO SHIFT TO SOFINSKIY OR MFA WITHOUT ONE FURTHER PUSH AT BAZHANOV LEVEL. AS IT TURNED OUT, MHE FORWARDED LIST AS SOON AS UNIVERSITIES COMPLIED, WITH EXCEPTION OF ERROR BY LGU.
5. MHE DESIRES STICK TO PLANNED SCHEDULE FOR THIS YEAR, INCLUDING FEBRUARY 15 EXCHANGE OF LECTURER LISTS IF POSSIBLE. ASKED HOW THEY PROPOSE TO IMPROVE TIMING FOR NEXT ACADEMIC

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YEAR, THEY SUGGESTED EARLIER NOTICE TO SOVIET UNIVERSITIES TO

PREPARE LISTS OF OPENINGS FOR AMERICAN LECTURERS. THEY SAID
THEY WOULD START THIS SPRING.

6. MHE ALSO SAID THEY WOULD HELP OBTAIN, IN LATE SPRING,
COURSE DETAILS AND OTHER ACADEMIC INFORMATION FOR FALL TERM
AMERICAN LECTURERS--AN ELEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN LACKING THIS
YEAR.

7. BECAUSE OF ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE,
EMBASSY BELIEVES WE MUST WORK THROUGH MHE TO MAINTAIN ACCESS
TO WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF UNIVERSITIES. WE HOPE TO EXPAND
EXCHANGES WITH ACADEMY, BUT IF THEY WERE GIVEN PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THIS PROGRAM IT WOULD LIMIT
TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS AND RECRUITMENT SOURCES
FOR SOVIET PROFESSORS.SOMMERLATTE

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